CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

- 1. (Original) A non-return valve for a pump, comprising a receptacle in which a valve seat is implemented, a closing body and a cage element in which the closing body is disposed, whereby the cage element is bipartite, comprising a guide element and a stop element and the guide element is made from a material having a lower modulus of elasticity than a material of the stop element.
- 2. (Original) The non-return valve according to Claim 1, wherein the guide element is made from plastic or aluminum and the stop element from steel.
- 3. (Original) The non-return valve according to Claim 1, wherein the guide element is implemented as a sleeve and has at least one overflow passage on its inner circumference.
- 4. (Original) The non-return valve according to Claim 1, wherein the stop element is press-fit into the guide element.
- 5. (Original) The non-return valve according to Claim 1, wherein a spherical indentation is implemented in the stop element.
- 6. (Original) The non-return valve according to Claim 1, wherein the stop element has two, three or four areas of connection to the guide element.

- 7. (Original) The non-return valve according to Claim 1, wherein, in the assembled state, the stop element adjoins a mating surface which is implemented on a valve housing.
- 8. (Original) The non-return valve according to Claim 1, wherein grooves to accommodate the stop element are implemented in the guide element.
- 9. (Original) The non-return valve according to Claim 9, wherein recesses for ensuring pressure compensation are implemented in the grooves.

- 10. (Original) A method for delivering fuel for a common rail injection system comprising the steps of:
 - providing a high-pressure pump for delivering fuel for a common rail injection system;
 - providing a non-return valve for the high pressure pump, wherein the non-return valve comprises a receptacle in which a valve seat is implemented, a closing body and a cage element in which the closing body is disposed, whereby the cage element is bipartite, comprising a guide element and a stop element and the guide element is made from a material having a lower modulus of elasticity than a material of the stop element.
- 11. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the guide element is made from plastic or aluminum and the stop element from steel.
- 12. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the guide element is implemented as a sleeve and has at least one overflow passage on its inner circumference.
- 13. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the stop element is press-fit into the guide element.
- 14. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein a spherical indentation is implemented in the stop element.
- 15. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the stop element has two, three or four areas of connection to the guide element.
- 16. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein, in the assembled state, the stop element adjoins a mating surface which is implemented on a valve housing.

- 17. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein grooves to accommodate the stop element are implemented in the guide element.
- 18. (Original) The method according to Claim 17, wherein recesses for ensuring pressure compensation are implemented in the grooves.
- 19. **(NEW)** A non-return valve for a pump, comprising a receptacle in which a valve seat is implemented, a closing body and a cage element in which the closing body is disposed, whereby the cage element is bipartite, comprising a guide element and a stop element, wherein recesses for ensuring pressure compensation are implemented in the grooves.
- 20. **(NEW)** The non-return valve according to Claim 19, wherein the guide element is made from a material having a lower modulus of elasticity than a material of the stop element.